

Appl. No. 09/580,343
Amdt. dated April 29, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 19, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 16-28, 30-44, 47, 49-57, and 59 through 123 are pending in the application with claims 4, 7, 8, 10-14, 18-28, 47, 50, 51, 53-57, 61-72, 74, and 90-121 having been withdrawn from consideration, claims 2, 3, 5, 15, 29, 45, 46, 48 and 58 having been canceled, claims 1, 4, 6, 11-14, 16, 18, 30-34, 38-44, 47, 49, 54-57, 59, 61, 62, 68, 76-80, and 84-89 having been currently amended, and new claims 122 and 123 added. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested as it is believed they put the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

A response to the Office Action of November 3, 2004 was filed April 5, 2004. In an Office Action dated April 19, 2004, the Examiner advised the Applicants that the amendment document was non-compliant because, in the amendments to the claims, the listing of claims did not include the text of all claims, including withdrawn claims.

Accordingly, the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document is herewith resubmitted in its entirety, i.e., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicants' amendment document.

Withdrawn claims 4, 11-14, 18, 47, 54-57, 61, 62, and 68 have been currently amended.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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